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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/518,672	Applicant(s) ROGMANN ET AL.	
	Examiner Brian P. Mruk	Art Unit 1796	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 14-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koster et al, DE 19856727.

Koster et al, DE 19856727 (equivalent of Koester et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,660,706), discloses a general purpose cleaner comprising an alkoxylated carboxylic acid ester and either a betaine or an amine oxide (see abstract). It is further taught by Koster et al that the composition further contains a mixture of nonionic surfactants, such as fatty alcohol polyglycol ethers and hydroxy mixed ethers in amounts of 10-75% by weight (see page 4, line 63-page 5, line 3 and page 7, line 18). Koster et al further discloses that suitable fatty alcohol polyglycol ethers include those of formula (X), wherein MO is butylene oxide (see page 5, line 68-page 6, line 15), that suitable hydroxy mixed ethers correspond to formula (XII) (see page 6, lines 53-64), that the

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composition may be free of anionic surfactants (see page ,7, line 16), and that the composition further contains solvents, such as polyethylene glycol (see page 7, lines 25-30), per the requirements of the instant invention.

Although Koster et al generally discloses a general purpose cleaner containing a fatty alcohol polyglycol ether of formula (X), wherein MO is butylene oxide, and a hydroxy mixed ether of formula (XII), the reference does not require such general purpose cleaners containing these components with sufficient specificity to constitute anticipation.

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have formulated a general purpose cleaner, as taught by Koster et al, which contained a fatty alcohol polyglycol ether of formula (X), wherein MO is butylene oxide, and a hydroxy mixed ether of formula (XII), because such general purpose cleaners fall within the scope of those taught by Koster et al. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would have had a reasonable expectation of success, because such a general purpose cleaner containing a fatty alcohol polyglycol ether of formula (X), wherein MO is butylene oxide, and a hydroxy mixed ether of formula (XII) is expressly suggested by the Koster et al disclosure and therefore is an obvious formulation.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian P. Mruk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1321. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs (7:00 AM-5:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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